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## **Terry Goddard to Host Crime and Fraud Prevention Forum in Payson**

(Phoenix, Ariz. – Aug. 21, 2007) Attorney General Terry Goddard will convene a Crime and Fraud Prevention Forum in Payson on August 23 at 6:30 p.m. This community meeting will provide an opportunity to review local crime trends, discuss prevention strategies and help citizens learn more about how to protect themselves.

Goddard will discuss the methamphetamine crisis in Arizona as well as other crimes his Office prosecutes, including identity theft, consumer scams and human smuggling. Payson Police Chief Don Engler, Payson Mayor Bob Edwards, Gila County Attorney Daisy Flores and Gila County Sheriff John Armer will join Goddard to present and answer questions from the public.

Representatives from community organizations and other interested residents are encouraged to take part in the discussion. The Forum will provide an opportunity for those attending to present information on local prevention initiatives and raise their concerns about crime and fraud in the community.

Community organizations are invited to display and distribute information at the Forum. Confirmed organizations include: Habitat for Humanity, CASA, Payson Meth Coalition, Community Outreach Council, Adult Protective Services, Time Out, Secretary of State's Office (Advanced Directives Registration), The Payson Senior Circle, and Elder Builders. Interested groups should contact the Attorney General's Community Services Program at (602) 542-2123.

## **Event Information:**

What: Payson Crime and Fraud Prevention Forum

When: Thursday, August 23

Time: 6:30 p.m. .

Where: Payson High School

Auditorium 301 S. McLane Payson, Ariz.

Note: Event is open to the media.

For more information, please contact Katherine Reedy at (602) 542-7718.